



# Town of Fletcher

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## October 2019

### Town Council

Rod Whiteside, Mayor  
Phone.....(828)545-8913

Sheila Franklin, Councilwoman  
District #1.....(828)684-5676

Hugh Clark, Councilman  
District #2.....(828)684-7093

Bob Davy, Councilman  
District #3.....(828)687-0313

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District #4.....(828)231-4811

### Town Phones

Town Manager.....(828)687-3985

Town Fax.....(828)687-7133

Police/Fire Emergency.....911

Police Dispatch.....(828)697-4911

Police Non-emerg..(828)687-7922

Parks & Rec.....(828)687-0751

Public Works.....(828)654-9208

### Town Meetings

**Town Council Agenda Meeting**  
1st Monday of month at 6:00 pm

**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
2nd Monday of month at 7:00 pm

**Planning Board Meeting**  
3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm

All meetings are held at the Town Hall located at 300 Old Cane Creek Road in Fletcher.

The Town of Fletcher Newsletter is published for residents of the Town and reports on issues and events that affect our community.

You are encouraged to contact us with your questions and comments by e-mailing [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org). Also, please visit our web site at [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) for additional Town information.

If you would prefer to receive an online version of our newsletter rather than a hard copy, please contact us at [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org).

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### News from the September Town Council Meeting

- \* Gayle Kemp, with the League of Women Voters, extended an invitation to the public to attend a free 3-part presentation series entitled "Immigration 101" occurring September through November at the Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville.
- \* The Town Council took action on the following matters:
  - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
  - Approved a continuation of the Public Hearing to consider Rezoning # 2019-01, PIN # 9643-94-9427 from R-2 residential to C-2 commercial, to the October 14, 2019 meeting.
  - Approved a Thanksgiving food drive for Fletcher with the date to be determined.
- \* Tristan Winkler, Land of Sky FBRMPO Director, discussed the current road priorities in Henderson County.
- \* Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director, discussed a performance bond for Phase 2 infrastructure in Sycamore Cottages. The matter was approved by Council.
- \* Heather Taylor, Assistant Town manger, discussed the \$2,559,065 Capital Project Ordinance # 0-19-10 for the Economic Development Acquisition project. The ordinance was adopted by Town Council.
- \* Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, will be presenting an ordinance at the October Town Council meeting to restrict burning within the Town of Fletcher.
- \* Mark Biberdorf reported that we continue to work with Rose Associates on market analysis for our downtown development.
- \* Town Council then entered a closed session regarding personnel matters.

### From the Henderson County Board of Elections

Absentee voting in the October 8th Fletcher Primary for the District 2 Town Council seat is almost over. "One Stop Early Voting" is being offered September 18th - 20th, September 23rd - 27th, and September 30th - October 4th from 8:30am to 5:00pm at the Henderson County Board of Elections office located at 75 E. Central Street in Hendersonville.

**ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019.** Town of Fletcher residents living in the Fletcher and Hoopers Creek precincts will vote at the Fletcher Town Hall. Town of Fletcher residents living in the Park Ridge precinct will vote at the Fletcher Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1141 Howard Gap Rd in Fletcher. Voting will take place October 8th from 6:30am until 7:30pm at both sites. All registered Town of Fletcher residents are eligible to vote in this Primary. Voters will vote for 1 of the three candidates, presented here in alphabetical order: Preston Blakely, Hugh Clark (incumbent), or Julia Price-Fogel. The two candidates with the most votes will move to the November 5th General Election. Any questions about Absentee voting, the upcoming election, or your voting precinct should be addressed to Henderson County Board of Elections at 828-697-4970 or you may visit their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.

## We Need Your Input...



The Town of Fletcher is presently working with a consultant to complete a market analysis and economic development strategic plan for the Town Center project.

This is a project to further develop Fletcher's downtown area near Town Hall. Your input is needed to help guide our consultant and Town Council in making critical decisions to further the project. You can provide your feedback by completing a brief online survey. The survey can be accessed via our website, at the bottom of our home page, found at [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) or you may go to the survey site at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSH9ZNN>. The survey will be open until early October. Any residents without computer access who wish to participate in the survey may stop by the Town Hall and complete a paper copy of the survey.

### Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

The Town of Fletcher recently received a grant from the NC Department of Transportation, along with financial assistance from the Blue Ridge Bicycle Club, to complete the Town's first comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan. The purpose of the plan will be to identify a network of transportation options for our community's bicyclists and pedestrians. The plan will outline how the Town's transportation network can evolve and develop over the next 20 to 25 years. Members of the Town of Fletcher's Planning Board and the Parks and Recreation Board will serve as the steering committee to guide our consultant team led by Traffic Planning and Design (based in Asheville).



We will begin the planning process with a Kickoff Meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Fletcher Town Hall. At the interactive meeting, the Steering Committee will learn about the project scope and planning process, determine vision and goals, discuss ideas for public involvement, and identify existing opportunities and constraints for bicycling and walking in Fletcher. Staff from Traffic Planning & Design will lead the Kickoff Meeting. All interested parties are invited to attend. If you are a Fletcher resident with a particular interest in bike/pedestrian issues and would like to be a part of the stakeholder group, or if you have questions, you may contact Kristy Carter at (828) 575-0133 or Eric Rufa, Fletcher Planning Director, at (828) 687-3985.

#### **No longer receiving Town update calls on your cell phone?**

If you receive Town phone calls via your cell phone and if you change your cell phone carrier, please contact us at 828-687-3985. Due to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, your cell number is automatically deactivated in our system when you change your cell phone provider. So, give us a call and we can reactivate your number in our system and you will continue receiving Town calls on events and schedule changes.

## **PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208**

### Leaf Pickup Starts in October

Fall leaf pickup will begin Monday, October 7th and will continue until December 2nd. Please remember that all leaves must be bagged. Contact us at 828-654-9208 or 828-687-3985 to schedule a pickup or you may complete a request at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>.

### Recycling Cart Update

The 95-gallon rolling recycling carts have been ordered for those residents who receive Town trash collection service and are using the rectangle recycle bins. We anticipate receiving the carts in mid-October with home distribution following soon thereafter. The rectangle recycle bins will be picked up, at a later date, once you receive your new rolling cart. If you do not wish to receive a new recycling rolling cart, but instead wish to continue using your rectangle recycling bins, please contact us at 828-654-9208 so we can remove your address from our distribution list for the new carts. Our recycling vendor will continue to service your rectangle bins. As a reminder, there is no charge to residents for this new recycling cart. Please also remember that recycling helps all of us -- the environment and the Town by reducing our landfill fees.



### Online Tax Payments

You may now view and pay your 2019 Town of Fletcher taxes, and any previous years taxes, via our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/>. Simply enter your "Roll Number", as shown on your Property Tax Notice. If you do not know your roll number, call our office at 828-687-3985 to obtain it.

### Bill Moore Community Park Playground Renovation

Please be aware of the following when visiting the park in late October...We will be removing the current playground equipment during the week of October 28th. We will begin installing the new equipment the week of November 4th and hope to have the playground installation complete by November 15th.

### Why Does Fletcher Library Need a New Building?

by New Fletcher Library Partners

We have a wonderful staff in Fletcher who work diligently to stretch the space that we have and to make it a warm, inviting place for all who enter. They will be there in the new facility too. Just imagine what they will be able to do then!

The current building is old and continues to have problems with leaks and plumbing issues. It is too small to accommodate the large numbers who show up for some of our most popular programs. Parking is a forever problem, especially now that Kate's Park has been refurbished.

We need more space for computers and computer power stations. Many do not have computers or Internet at home! And, we need space for more books.

## OCTOBER FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS

828-687-1218

120 Library Road Fletcher, NC 28732

MON 10-7, TUES 10-5, WED 10-7, THURS 10-5, FRI 10-4, SAT 10-4

[www.hendersoncountync.gov/library](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library)



**Book Donations Notice:** Please limit book donations to one box or less. For larger donations, please drop them off at the Main Library in downtown Hendersonville at 301 N. Washington Street (corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and N. Washington Street). The Main Library phone number is 828-687-4725.

**Looking for a new home for one of your flower pots?** We can use decorative ones which are 6-12 inches in diameter, as well as holes for draining. No plastic ones, please.

**Forget your readers?** We have a small selection of readers which you may use while visiting Fletcher Library. Got a pair you no longer need? We accept donated readers in good condition.

**Skilled pianists** are welcome to play soothing music in our meeting room. Call us at 828-687-1218 and speak to a member of our staff for more information.

**Work a Puzzle** We almost always have a puzzle in the works. Come help put our current puzzle together. For adults.

**Sit & Create** Make our monthly craft which is easy enough for young children though all ages are welcome to participate.

**Donate Your Legos** Do you have Legos to spare? We accept *donated* Legos in all shapes and sizes in good condition for our monthly Lego Club.

**Tech Help @ Fletcher Library** Want to learn how to download an e-book or digital audiobook? Watch a movie for free using Hoopla or from NC Digital Library? Learn a new language using Mango? Baffled by your new tablet or smartphone? One-on-one tech time, by appointment, is offered for free at Fletcher Library. Call the library or stop by to learn more.

**Conversational Spanish** This is an interest group held by the public. Medium to advanced levels of Spanish are spoken. Come by and test out your Spanish comprehension. **For ages 17+. Tuesdays, 3-4pm (October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)**

**Family Story Time** Join us for family storytime! We will share stories, rhymes, and songs geared to enhance a lifelong love of reading. All ages welcome. **Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30)**

**Lego Club** All ages are welcome. We provide Legos to use while you are here; please do not bring your own. We have Duplo blocks for younger children as well. We can't wait to see what you will create! All children under 11 *must* have an adult stay with them in the room. **First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (October 3)**

**Mahjong** Join our mahjong group for an afternoon of fun with this exciting Chinese tile game. Experienced players are welcome. Beginners may observe and will be coached *if possible*. Registration is *required*. **Thursdays, 12:30-3:30pm (October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)**

**Chess Club** For all ages. Meets at the Fletcher Library each Saturday. Beginners are welcome. Limited to 20 players. Children under 14 *must* be accompanied by an adult. Registration is *required*. **(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (October 5, 12, 19, and 26)**

## OCTOBER FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS (continued)

**Beginning Knitting** This will be a 3-part series on learning how to knit; all supplies will be included. Classes build on each other. If you're brand new to knitting you must attend the first class in order to attend subsequent classes. If you have some experience knitting but would like to review, you can sign up for any of the 3 classes. For adults and teens ages 14+. Registration is required.

Class #1: Getting Started- learning how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off (October 5)

Class #2: Learning How to Decrease (October 12)

Class #3: Learning How to Increase (October 26)

**Saturdays, October 5, 12, and 26 (10:15am-12:30pm)**

**Mandala Coloring** Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration is required. For adults only.

(Typically) **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (October 7 and 21)**

**Avid Reader Book Club** We will be reading *Clock Dance* by Ann Tyler. Please, read the book prior to the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (October 7)**

**Cookie Cutter Critters: A Beginning Needle Felting Class** This class is for teens, grades 6-12. Learn to make an adorable needle felted character using a cookie cutter and your imagination. This workshop is for those individuals who want to experience the "magic" of needle felting with fleece (sheep wool) for the first time. Participants will needle felt a character/creation of their choice. All tools and materials will be provided. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Wednesday, October 9 (4-6pm)**

**Fletcher Book Club** Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (October 10) 10:30-11:30am**

**Writers Guild** All writers are invited to join a lively discussion about the guild's current projects related to publishing and the marketing of your work. Learn tricks and techniques from published authors and aspiring writers and reveal your own convictions. **Second Thursdays (October 10) 1:30-2:30pm**

**Knitting for a Cause** We make hats and scarves for children and adults to give to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry of Hendersonville. Bring your 4, 5, 6, 7 and/or 8 circular or straight knitting needles. **Third Saturdays (October 19) 10:30am-12:30pm**

**Yarn Therapy** A gathering of people who knit, crochet, embroider, weave, spin, or do other creative things with yarn. Enjoy a relaxing morning working on your projects. Bring your own supplies. All skill levels welcome! Registration is required. **Third Saturdays (October 19) 10:30am-12:30pm**

**Predator or Prey?** Owls are birds of prey... join us as we make an interactive food web and discover what an owl preys on! Dissect a sterilized owl pellet to discover the remains of an owl's nightly diet. This free program for Grades K-5 is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Wednesday, October 23 (3:30-4:30pm)**

**Halloween Carnival** Come visit us at Bill Moore Community Park! **Saturday, October 26**

### UPCOMING

**What A Ranger Does** A North Carolina State Park Ranger has many responsibilities from law enforcement to education to high-angle rescue and wears many hats. Come meet with a ranger to learn all aspects of their jobs and see all the equipment needed to provide visitors with a safe and fun visit to our state parks. This free program is for all ages. **Wednesday, November 6 (3:30-4:30pm)**

Town of Fletcher's  
**Halloween Carnival**

at Bill Moore Community Park

**Saturday, October 26 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**



Children 11 and under are invited to Bill Moore Community Park for FREE Halloween Fun! Join us for carnival games, hay rides, inflatables, candy and more!

Hay Rides Games Costume Contest Inflatables and More!

**FletcherParks.org**

**Halloween Carnival**

The Town of Fletcher will be hosting its Annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 26<sup>h</sup> from 1:00 - 4:00pm! Children 11 and under are invited to Bill Moore Community Park for FREE Halloween Fun! Join us for carnival games, hay rides, inflatables, candy, and more! Gates open at 1:00 p.m. Children and families interested in participating in the costume contest will need to be registered by 1:45 pm. For the safety of your pets and all guests, we ask that you please leave your pets at home.

**Costume Contest Times:**

**Ages 4 and Under @ 2:00 pm**  
**Ages 5-7 @ 2:20 pm    Ages 8-11 @ 2:40 pm**  
**Family @ 3:00 pm**

**A Matter Of Balance**

- Concerned about falls?
- Restricting activities because of a fall in the past?
- Interested in improving flexibility?
- Join us Mondays 10/7/19 - 12/2/19 from 10am -12pm  
 Register by calling (828) 251-7438 or by e-mailing [Stephanie@landofsky.org](mailto:Stephanie@landofsky.org)

**Interested in Tai Chi?**

We are starting a 6-week Tai Chi class on Wednesday's from 10am - 11am starting 11/6/2019. Our instructor likes to create a fun and engaging class atmosphere which allows participants to relax while learning something new. Sign up at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

**THANK YOU To Our Fletcher Family Festival Sponsors!**



**Save the Date**

Friday, Oct 4th	Robert Parrish Memorial Golf Tournament	11:00 am
Monday, Oct 7th	"A Matter of Balance" classes begin	10:00 am
Saturday, Oct 26th	Halloween Carnival	1:00 pm
Tues or Thurs, Nov 5th or 7th	Holiday Yoga begins	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Nov 6th	Tai Chi begins	10:00 am
Saturday, Nov 9th	Veterans Salute	9:00 am

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### **New Business Spotlight**



Local businesses support our community and the tax base in the Town of Fletcher. Please welcome these new businesses to Fletcher along with continuing to support our existing businesses.

#### ***ACF Technologies, Inc.***

Queuing Software Sales  
3049 Hendersonville Road, Suite 60  
828-398-0400

#### ***ServiceMaster of Hendersonville***

Residential/commercial cleaning & disaster restoration  
188 Continuum Drive  
828-654-1650  
[www.smhville.com](http://www.smhville.com)

#### ***VBS Logistics***

Custom order fulfillment & warehousing, contract cutting & sewing,  
custom textile cut & sew production  
232 Old Airport Road 828-490-1641  
<http://www.vbslogistics.com/>



Getting closer....the clocks have now been installed in the tower at the corner of Fanning Bridge and Highway 25. An addition to the original design will be the donation of memorial chimes.